

WASHINGTON METROPOLITAN AREA TRANSIT COMMISSION

WASHINGTON, D. C.

ORDER NO. 1089

IN THE MATTER OF:

Served September 9, 1970

Waiver of Regulation 102-12 )  
for Testing Purposes. )

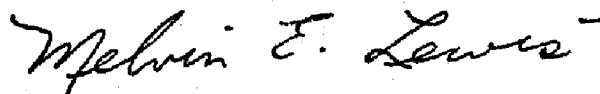
General Order No. 8, Regulation 102-12, precludes the use of certain materials for glazing in the windshield, windows or doors of a bus. In the past, the use of materials such as rigid plastics which would virtually eliminate breakage has been prohibited because of distortion, discoloration, and lack of resistance to abrasion.

By letter dated August 27, 1970, D. C. Transit System, Inc., indicates that a new material has been developed which may eliminate the undesirable characteristics of rigid plastic. The company requests a waiver of the provisions of Regulation 102-12 in order to equip the side windows of three "new-look" buses with impact-resistant glazing for testing purposes.

The Commission recognizes the potential importance of the development of such a material in terms of both safety and maintenance cost.

THEREFORE, IT IS ORDERED that Regulation 102-12 be, and it is hereby, waived as to the three buses participating in the glazing test.

BY DIRECTION OF THE COMMISSION:



MELVIN E. LEWIS  
Executive Director